

129c, 129d and 129e of the Compiled Laws of Alaska, relating to the location of placer mining claims in the Territory of Alaska and annual labor thereon, is hereby repealed.

Effective when. Section 2. This Act shall be effective when approved by the Congress.

Approved April 29, 1931.

CHAPTER 66.

AN ACT

[S. B. 60]

To create the office of Commissioner of Transportation for prospectors, prescribing his duties, providing penalties for violation thereof, authorizing appropriations therefor, repealing Chapter 18, Session Laws of Alaska, 1927, and Chapter 50 Session Laws of Alaska, 1929, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:

**Creating office
of Commis-
sioner of
Transportation.**

Section 1. The office of Commissioner of Transportation for Prospectors is hereby created. The functions of that office shall be as hereinafter prescribed, and the Territorial Mine Inspector shall be the ex-officio Commissioner of Transportation for Prospectors.

Duties.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Transportation for Prospectors to ascertain where prospecting for valuable minerals may be stimulated within the Territory of Alaska by assistance given bona fide prospectors in transporting by dogs, horses, boats or any other means or methods of transporting chattels such prospectors and their supplies and their equipment to their respective fields of operation within the Territory of Alaska, and to that end he shall enter into communication with the Manager of the Alaska Railway, and the Manager of the government boats operating in Alaska waters and with the various

civic organizations, railways and other transportation companies interested in encouraging prospecting for minerals and in development of the mining industry; he shall also enter into communication with the Bureau of Mines of the United States and other governmental agencies to determine where and in what manner and to whom money from funds herein appropriated may be expended to the best advantage for the good of the Territory in the development of the mining industry.

Section 3. The said Commissioner shall assist prospectors in securing as cheap transportation as possible for such prospectors and for their supplies and equipment to their respective fields of prospecting, and may, out of the funds at his disposal, pay for such transportation, provided, however, that no more than One Hundred and Fifty Dollars may be expended out of such funds during any calendar year for any one prospector.

Limitation of expenditure.

Section 4. The said Commissioner shall have authority to appoint agents for the purpose of carrying out the work of the office and to cause to be transmitted through such agents such moneys as may to him seem proper for the assistance of bona fide prospectors in the manner herein provided. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to allow each agent the sum of not to exceed Fifty Dollars per annum for his services.

Commissioner may appoint agents—compensation.

Section 5. The said Commissioner shall have authority to receive donations, bequests and legacies for the purpose of expenditure under the provisions of this Act, and when such be received it shall be kept in a separate fund and be expended only in conformity with the express will of the donor or testator.

Donations, bequests, etc.

Section 6. At each biennial session the Legislature shall appropriate the funds it deems necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, and the Commissioner

One-half of appropriation to be expended each year.

of Transportation shall distribute the fund so that, as nearly as practicable, one half of the appropriation shall be expended during each year of the biennium.

All expenditures shall be by warrant drawn upon the Treasurer in payment of vouchers approved by the Commissioner, but not to exceed fifteen per cent (15%) of any appropriation shall be used for clerk hire, agents' salaries or other expenses incident to the office.

Prospector defined.

Section 7. No one shall be deemed a prospector within the meaning of this Act unless he is a citizen of the United States and an inhabitant of the Territory of Alaska for at least one year immediately prior, or has resided in Alaska for two (2) years within the five years prior to the date of his application and can furnish good and sufficient proof that the property he intends to prospect is undeveloped and that he has not held possession of the same for a longer period than two years prior to the date of application for assistance under this Act. Any prospector who has received assistance under this Act and has failed to make the report required in Section 8 hereof shall not receive any further assistance for a period of two years after the date on which such report should have been filed, unless he can satisfy the Commissioner of Transportation that failure to do so was unavoidable.

Failure to make report.

Prospectors to report.

Section 8. That every prospector who receives any assistance as such under the provisions of this Act shall file with the Commissioner a written report of the result of the operations for which he receives the aid. Such report shall be filed within one year after the aid was received and shall contain a description of the contour and geological formation of the country in which the operations were carried on, the discoveries made, the nature of the mineralization of the country and such other information as may be of aid to other prospectors.

Punishment for fraud.

Section 9. Any person who by fraud or misrepre-

sentation obtains aid or assistance under the provisions of this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than Fifty Dollars, nor more than One Thousand Dollars, or by imprisonment in jail not less than four months nor more than one year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 10. The Commissioner shall have authority to promulgate such rules and regulations as deemed necessary for the proper operation of this Act and shall furnish each agent with all necessary blank forms and other papers. Commissioner to promulgate rules, etc.

Section 11. Chapter 18, Session Laws of Alaska, 1927 and Chapter 50 Session Laws of Alaska 1929 are hereby repealed. Repeal.

Section 12. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval. Emergency.

Approved April 29, 1931.

CHAPTER 67.

AN ACT

[S. B. 67]

To appropriate the sum of \$1000.00 for improving the grounds about the Governor's Mansion, and declaring an emergency to give this Act immediate effect.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the Territory of Alaska:

Section 1. The sum of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00), or so much thereof as shall be needed, is hereby appropriated out of the general fund of the Territory not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of improving the grounds about the Governor's Mansion, namely block thirty-two (32) of the official survey of Juneau, Alaska; said sum shall be paid on vouchers approved by the Governor. Appropriation for improvement of grounds at Governor's Mansion.